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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8040

BILL NUMBER: SB 431

DATE PREPARED: Apr 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 26, 2001

SUBJECT: Sharing of Dental Care Information.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X

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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires each county Office of Family and Children to provide to specified entities a list of dentists in the county who participate in the Medicaid Hoosier Healthwise Program. The bill requires the Division of Family and Children to collaborate with the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and the State Department of Health to establish programs that facilitate children's access to oral health services. It also requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and the Office of the Children's Health Insurance Program to encourage the parent of a child recipient to select a primary dental provider for the child before the child is 18 months old. The bill defines "mobile dentist". The bill also requires the State Board of Dentistry to adopt rules to regulate the conduct of mobile dentist facilities and operations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to provide each county Office of Family and Children with a list of dentists practicing in the county who provide services to Medicaid or CHIP-eligible children. The local Office of Family and Children is required to provide this list to local children's services providers such as Maternal and Child Health Clinics, school nurses, township trustees, and licensed child care centers. The Hoosier Healthwise Helpline (1-800-889-9949) and the Indiana Family Helpline (1-800-433-0746) run by the Department of Health both maintain current comprehensive lists of the Indiana Health Coverage Program enrolled dental providers in each county. If the county Offices of Family and Children were required to distribute this provider listing, the information would be out of date quickly since the Indiana Health Coverage Programs enroll and disenroll providers daily. The provision of paper lists that are quickly out of date to all the required entities would lead to higher copying, distribution, and other administrative costs. The extent of the increased distribution and copying costs would be dependent on the number of providers that the county offices distributed the lists to and the frequency of the distributions.

The bill requires the Division, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, and the State Department of

Health to collaborate to establish programs that facilitate children's access to oral health services. The bill also encourages the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to encourage parents of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP to select a primary dental care provider for the child before the child is 18 months of age. The manner in which OMPP decides to implement the latter provision will determine the cost.

The bill also requires the State Board of Dentistry to promulgate rules regulating the conduct of mobile dental facilities and operations within the state. The rules are to be adopted before July 2, 2002. The cost of development and promulgation of rules should be absorbed within the current level of resources available to the Board.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Division of Family and Children, Indiana State Department of Health, State Board of Dentistry.

Local Agencies Affected:

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